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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: BRAZIL AND CLIMATE CHANGE

"Embarrassment"

Op-ed in liberal Folha de S. Paulo (11-27) by columnist Eliane Catanhede says: "....one of the divergences [between the U.S. and Brazil] is that Brazil has sided with France - meaning Lula has sided with Sarkozy - to take the lead [in a series of areas] including Copenhagen.... Hillary Clinton acknowledged [to Brazil's Foreign Minister Celso Amorim] that Brazil's proposal was an 'inspiration' for other countries [including] the U.S. The fact is that Lula likes to aim high, maybe too high.....audacity is a good thing, and voters even like it. But when there is too much of it, it may scare [people]. That's what happened yesterday in [the summit of Amazon countries] Manaus: Chavez, Uribe, and the entire group ran away from Lula's fixation of being the leader of everything."

"U.S. and China's Retreat Re-invigorates Climate Conference"

Editorial in center-right Valor Econ????mico (11-27) notes:  
".....[The U.S. proposal to cut greenhouse gas emissions by 17%] is a small cut, almost meaningless for the world's second largest emitter..... But there are other important factors to take into consideration besides the targets. The U.S. made a decisive step to enter the fight against global warming, from which it has stayed away for too long....."  
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